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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2010. No fee is believed to be required, nonetheless the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501050.